

MEXICO INDEPENDENT

MEXICO, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1874.

News of the Week.

The bill abolishing mileage to members of Congress, and providing that they shall be paid actual traveling expenses to and from Washington once each session, and from Washington, and after debate, passed the House 186 to 49.

The steamer Malwa, with the body of Dr. Livingstone on board, arrived at Southampton on the 15th. The body was carried to London and deposited in the Royal Geographical Society's rooms.

A tornado occurred at Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday last week, by which property was damaged to the extent of \$100,000.

Two thousand five hundred of the leading business men of New York have signed a petition asking the President to veto the inflation measure of \$30,000,000 on the Erie railroad was recorded in New York, to secure consolidated mortgage bonds.

The President has telegraphed to Brooks and Baxter, each of whom claims to be Governor of Arkansas, declining to interfere in the case.

The General Trans-Atlantic Company's steamer L. Amerique, which left New York on the 4th inst. for Havre, sank on the 14th inst. 100 miles from Brazil. Everybody was saved except the second officer.

A special meeting of the Plymouth Society, it was decided to give the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher a vacation of six months, continuing his salary and paying his traveling expenses.

The New England Methodist Conference has adopted the report of the temperance committee, which says, "We can hold no attitude toward this vast system of iniquity other than that of total abstinence from the use, and in favor of legal prohibition of the sale of intoxicating drinks."

A resolution was also passed condemning church gambling fairs, sale of prize packages on railroads, running cars for gambling purposes, and asking railroads to prohibit the sale of liquors on night palace cars.

The Cumberland river has overflowed its banks at Nashville, flooding many business houses.

Delegates of the river from the river parishes bordering on Onwasha and Reel River, as well as from parishes bordering on the Mississippi, waited on the Governor of Louisiana, April 16, stating that their cattle and stock had all been drowned, their lands and houses inundated, and themselves and their laborers reduced to destitution, by an unprecedented flood. They asked that the United States military authorities be requested to issue rations to the sufferers.

A terrific gale raged in the English channel during three days of last week; many vessels were wrecked and a great number of lives lost.

On Friday a committee of New York bankers called on the President presenting a petition asking him to veto the Senate finance bill. The President replied was opposed to expansion without redemption, and in favor of free banking accompanied with such legislation as would carry out the pledges of Congress and the party in the direction of the resumption of specie payments.

On Friday, the Legislature of Massachusetts, in joint convention on the thirty-third ballot, elected William B. Washburne Senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Sumner.

The building of a great elevator, which is to be the largest in the world, has been begun at Milwaukee. It will be large enough to contain 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, and will cost about \$200,000.

The report of small-pox prevailing on Blackwell's Island turns out to be the result of a conspiracy on the part of the friends of William M. Tweed, to save him from being subjected to the discipline of other convicts. Two convicts confess that their eruptions were caused by an application of croton oil. The order of the hospital has been dismissed, and a full investigation will be made.

The Atlantic French steamship L. Amerique was wrecked and towed to Plymouth, by the steamers Spray, from Port Gibraltar, and the P. T. Barry from Panama, Saturday. It is believed that all the baggage and cargo will be saved.

The Washita river, in Louisiana, has overflowed its banks and inundated a large section of country, doing \$1,000,000 damage.

Mayor Havemeyer, of New York, on Saturday, received an appeal from the mayor of New Orleans, for aid for the sufferers by the floods, who are without shelter, food and clothing.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue gives notice that parties who are liable to the payment of special tax license and do not make returns before May 31, will be liable to a penalty of 50 per cent.

The Methodist Conference in session at Schenectady voted, 80 to 50, against the manufacture and use of tobacco by its members.

On Tuesday, both the Brooks and Baxter parties, in Little Rock, Arkansas, received reinforcements, and becoming revived a number of prisoners were taken on both sides.

Fighting began in the streets at 6 p. m. Several persons were wounded, one killed, but the U. S. troops interfered, and restored quiet.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has declined his congregation's offer of a six months vacation, on the ground that so long an absence would be irksome to him and unjust to those who have paid high prices for pews.

The whole Amite valley in Louisiana, is under water, and many houses have been destroyed, and everything movable swept away. The inhabitants have fled to the high grounds, but suffer great destitution.

Sticky, heavy rain, 1,200 feet wide and passes seven feet of water. New York, Albany and Boston have taken measures for the relief of the sufferers.

Mrs. James K. Polk, widow of the late President Polk, some time since submitted a claim to the commissioners of claims for \$2,040, for property taken by Federal troops during the late war.

Yesterday the President vetoed the Finance bill.

BE WISE TO-DAY.—This madness to neglect a cough or cold, however slight. Consumption may follow, and though Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry has frequently cured this much dreaded disease, it almost invariably cures the primary diseases of the throat, lungs and chest, where other remedies fail.

Diseases of the Blood.

"The Blood is the Life." When this source is corrupted, the painful and sorrow-producing effects are visible in many shapes. The multifarious forms in which it manifests itself, would form subjects upon which I might write volumes. But as all the varied forms of disease which depend upon impure blood, or best treated, by such medicine as take it from this fluid and excrete from the system the noxious elements, it is not of practical importance that I should describe each. For instance, medical authors describe about fifty varieties of skin disease, but as they all require for their cure very similar treatment it is of no practical utility to know just what name to apply to a certain form of skin disease, so you know how best to cure it. Then again I might go on and describe various kinds of scrofulous sores, fever sores, white swellings, enlarged glands, and ulcers of varying appearance, might describe how virulent poisons may show themselves in various forms, ulcers, sores, throat, bony tumors, etc.; but as all these various appearing manifestations of bad blood are cured by an uniform means, I deem such a course unnecessary. Thoroughly cleanse the blood, which is the great fountain of life, and good digestion, a fair skin, buoyant spirits, strength, and soundness of constitution, will all return to you. For this purpose Dr. F. J. Wistar's Medical Discovery and Purgative Pills are pre-eminently the articles needed. They are warranted to cure Tetters, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, St. Anthony's Fire, Erysipelas, Eruptions, Ring-Worms, Pimples, Blisters, Spots, Eruptions, Pustules, Boils, Carbuncles, Sores, Erysipelas, Scars, Scrofulous Sores and Swellings, Fever Sores, White swellings, Tumors, Old Sores or Swellings, Affections of the Skin, Throat and Mouth, and Ulcers of the Liver, Stomach, Kidneys and Lungs.

On March 30 a race between five members of the Surrey Bicycle Club from Brighton to London took place. The distance was 50 1/2 miles, and the race was won by Mr. A. Howard in 4 hours and 25 minutes. His principal competitor, Mr. C. Wheaton, who is over 50 years of age, accomplished the distance in 4 hours and 55 minutes. The winter rode a "trench" machine. None of the riders were exhausted.

SATURATE A PIECE OF BREAD OF MEAT with gastric juice, and it will dissolve. This is digestion. Add to such a mixture a little alcohol, and it will not dissolve. This is indigestion. Beware, then, of thineurs, or tonics, or decoction containing spirituous liquors. Shut all out, and rely solely on Dr. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS, the finest digestive invigorant known, and free from the fiery curse of Alcohol. 25-43

When the celebrated French chemist Orfila was on one occasion a witness at a trial for poisoning, he was asked by the President if he could state the quantity of arsenic requisite to kill a fly. "Certainly, M. le President," replied the expert; "that I must know beforehand the age of the fly, its sex, its temperament, its condition and habit of body, whether married or single, widow or maiden, whether a bachelor."

How many physicians who pretend to know, say that the following directions had better be observed in using *Sheridan's Candy Condition Powder*: Give a horseable spoonful every night for 4 or 6 nights; the same for a child, once and twice as much for an ox. The addition of a little fine salt will be an advantage. We have heard recently of several severe cases of spinal disease cured by *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment*; one case of a man forty-five years old, who had not done a day's work in four years. The bad should first be washed, then rubbed with a coarse towel. Apply the Liniment cold, and rub in well with the hand.

A meeting of the excise commissioners of cities, throughout the state, was held in Syracuse, Wednesday, April 15. A resolution was adopted, calling attention of members of the Legislature to the law depriving excise boards of the power to prosecute for civil penalties imposed for violations of the excise law.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Dyspepsia, Dyspepsia. That head-aching disorder, with its attendant depression of spirits, Sick Headaches, Sour Stomach, indigestion, and all the various symptoms of a disordered system, is cured by *Dr. F. J. Wistar's Medical Discovery and Purgative Pills*. These pills are the favorite prescription of that eminent physician, Christopher W. Hoffman, of Langenscheidt, Germany, the efficacy of which won for him many orders of distinction by the crowned heads and nobility of Europe. It tones the stomach to healthy action, regulates the bowels, and assimilates food, and thereby lack of nutrition, so necessary to the support of the body, can be effectually cured by the use of *HOFMANN'S PODOHYLLIN PILLS*, the favorite prescription of that eminent physician, Christopher W. Hoffman, of Langenscheidt, Germany, the efficacy of which won for him many orders of distinction by the crowned heads and nobility of Europe. 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HOME AND COUNTY.

The Kalliphilian Entertainment.

The "Public" given by the Kalliphilians, the literary society of the Academy, last Friday evening, in Empire Hall, was largely attended, the hall being filled, and the exercises were highly creditable to all engaged. As was intimated in the address of the president, Mr. Carl Stone, the society had endeavored to make such a systematic distribution of the labor to be performed, that everything would be attended to, nothing could fail; and so there were no failures. No one, forgetting his part, had to retreat from the stage in confusion; and there was no getting "mixed up" visible either in act or word, but all was in order, and the slowest and least distinguished of the reading and speaking showed how careful had been the preparation, how earnest the effort to avoid the common fault of rapid and indistinct utterance.

In the Court of Fame, a prominent feature of the entertainment, the Goddess of Fame, seated upon her throne, attended on either side by a little child (Florence Dobson and Maud Beale), whose presence added greatly to the beauty of the picture, received the homage of the leading nations of the world, and heard the claim of each to receive the wreath with which she would reward the greatest. These nations were represented by young ladies, and, as might be expected, America was the one favored. This part was concluded with a tableau, in which all the other nations were bowing down to America.

The temperance revival came in for its share of attention, one side being represented by The Pledge at Spunkney Point, the other by The Key to Thomas' Heart, and these were followed by a temperance oration. The exercises were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

The following is the

PROGRAMME:
Music, Rock of Ages; Salutatory, C. H. Bidlecome; Music—Duet, Misses G. Becker and M. French; President's Address—Success, Carl Stone; Music—Solo, Jennie A. Collins; Declaration—The Polish Boy, J. A. Severance; Essay—Just Beyond, Jennie A. Collins; Oration—Dignity, True and False, C. A. Allen; Music, Messrs. C. Stone and Bidlecome.

Court of Fame. Part First—Coddess, Nellie A. Hall; England, Mary J. Ford; Switzerland, Adell E. Miller; Prussia, Minnie G. Stone; Spain, Lizzie B. Cowles; Scotland, Cora B. Becker; France, Fannie E. Becker; Ireland, Carrie M. Crozier; Italy, Gertrude R. Stone; America, Julia B. French; Russia, Jennie A. Collins.

Part Second—Tableau.
Music—Solo Quartette; Declaration—The Pledge at Spunkney Point, G. W. Severance; Declaration—The Key to Thomas' Heart, Fayette H. Peck; Music—Solo, Mary J. Ford; Recitation—Mother and Poet, Minnie G. Stone; Oration—The Temperance Crusade, Ned J. Stone; Music—Good Night.

Our young people are building well, and extend to them our hearty congratulations that their society, so recently organized, has been able to accomplish so much.

Real Estate Sales.

Joseph Edick to Daniel Edick, 61 59-100 acres in Parish, \$2,000. April, 1878.

J. Emery Clapp, Special Guardian to Francis Loren, et al., 46 73-100 acres in Hastings, \$630.72. March, 1874.

Elva L. Croppin to Francis Loren, 46 73-100 acres in Hastings, \$315.36. Mar., 1874.

Gilbert Sage to Victor T. Henderson, lot in the village of Sand Bank, \$6.00. March, 1875.

Margaret Pitcher to William S. Kane, 3 acres in Palermo, \$500. April 1874.

Charles F. Russell to Jacob J. Van Aken, 9.9, great lot No. 3, in Palermo, \$200. November, 1858.

Jacob J. Van Aken to Saloma E. Chase, sub 9, great lot No. 3, Palermo, \$500. November, 1858.

Samuel Whaley to James Clelland parcel of land in Ambloy, \$600. April, 1874.

Dalhally Tyler to Ellen E. Bardsley, part of lot No. 46, 55 and 60 in Mexico, \$600. April, 1874.

Charles Leroy to James Fleming, 13 9-100 acres in Richland, \$750. April, 1874.

James Fleming to Caroline Leroy, 13 9-100 acres in Richland, \$700. April, 1874.

John E. Becker to Samuel Leigh, 2 acres in Mexico, \$100. November, 1867.

Henry L. Cole to Samuel Leigh, 26-100 of an acre in Mexico, \$200. Oct. 1856.

George A. Penfield to Benjamin S. Stone, 9-100 acres in village of Mexico, \$200. March, 1874.

David S. Rose to Mary M. Beagle, part of the Sperry lot in Albion, \$325. April, 1874.

John H. Green to Elizabeth Oyer, part of lot No. 62 in West Monroe, \$260. September, 1867.

Elizabeth Oyer to Almira J. Handrex, part of lot 62, in West Monroe, \$200. April, 1874.

Harriet Willis to Julia M. Tryon, 40 acres in West Monroe, \$700. November, 1871.

Abigail Allen to George Sisson, 85 79-100 acres in West Monroe, \$1,700. March, 1874.

Mrs. Julia M. Tryon to Martin Fisher, 40 acres in West Monroe, \$600. April, 1874.

The CIVIL DAMAGE SUIT—Mrs. Frank Carpenter's plaintiff, against Charles Mayo, defendant, was tried in this village on Friday and Saturday last, before Justice Cole. Counsel for plaintiff, L. D. Smith; for defendant, M. L. Wright and G. W. Bradner. The case excited great interest, and the court room was thronged, so that on Saturday it was found necessary to adjourn from the Justice's office to Empire Hall. Several ladies were in attendance. The counsel on both sides worked hard for their clients, and the proceedings kept the attention of spectators both by the amusement afforded and the principle involved. The case went to the jury at six o'clock. Saturday evening, and after a session of two hours the jury returned a verdict of \$65 damages in favor of Mrs. Carpenter.

We are indebted to C. H. Goodwin, Esq., for valuable public documents.

Road Warrants for Sale at this office.

Ladies' Temperance Union.

A second union meeting of the ladies of Mexico, was held in the Lecture-room of the Presbyterian church of this village, on Friday last, and resulted in the organization of a permanent society, Mrs. J. T. Hewitt, President, Mrs. B. S. Stone, Secretary.

Two hours were spent in discussing various questions of interest pertaining to the Temperance cause, and in prayer for guidance. It was thought best to defer entering upon active work until after the general meeting of Wednesday, and a committee of ladies from each of the churches represented was appointed to confer with the committee of gentlemen at the preliminary meeting.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That we, the members of the Ladies' Temperance Union of Mexico, N. Y., believing we have a solemn call to a great work—that of banishing the evil of intemperance from our midst—do hereby pledge ourselves to God, and to each other, to be faithful in this work (according to our several ability) unto the end.

2d. That we extend our hearty sympathy to Mrs. Jennie Carpenter, who is seeking to obtain redress for her wrongs under the provisions of the Civil Damage Law.

The meeting adjourned, to meet in the Baptist church on Friday, the 24th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

The prayers, and if possible, the co-operation of every lady in this town are earnestly solicited.

COR.

Hoose and Cobb have received a large and very fine stock of crockery, cutlery and plated ware which they are selling at the lowest rates. Being confident that they can give good bargains, they are not afraid to make it known far and wide through the columns of the INDEPENDENT. Let none of our readers fail to read their advertisement in another column.

Religious Services at the Country House.

Rev. J. P. Stratton, with the choir of the Presbyterian church and others, numbering in all about forty, held brief religious services in the Poor House and Insane Asylum last Sunday. At the former, without taking a text, Mr. Stratton made a short address whose theme was love, and presenting forcibly the thought that each human being is more valuable than the whole perishable, soulless world. The inmates seemed intensely interested, giving him their undivided attention, and tears rolled down the cheeks of some of them. The services were closed by singing "Jesus lover of my soul," by which they seemed greatly moved. At the Asylum prayer was offered, and five pieces were sung, all of which the poor, crazed people seemed greatly to enjoy, while "Home sweet home," moved some to tears.

We can but hope that this visitation and holding religious services in these places will continue.

Fury Drawing.

The following grand and petit jurors were drawn at the County Clerk's office last week to serve at the next Circuit Court and Court of Oyer and Terminer to commence the first Monday in May, at Putkasi, Judge Hardin presiding:

GRAND JURORS.

Edward Acker, David Barber, Albion; Grover G. Houghton, John S. Clelland, Anby; Daniel Ingersoll, James E. Richardson, Constanza; O. E. Mattison, Russell D. Sill, Allen H. Colley, Moses P. Hewitt, Henry B. Hoyt, Hastings; S. R. Spooner, Solomon Matthews, John C. Taylor, Mexico; Ransom Snyder, Oswego; William Strong, T. R. Ingersoll, Richland; John G. Thompson, Redfield; Morgan J. Salisbury, Scarsdale Creek; S. R. Crandall, Cornwall; Frank S. Dennis Roark, Patrick Wynne, Williamstown; Amos Greenfield, West Monroe.

PETIT JURORS.

William Ross, Edward Tillotson; Albion; George D. Wells, Albion; Tunis Gordon, Boylston; Lewis K. Auringer, Charles E. Jelliff, John W. Marsh, John H. Dunn, Constanza; Wm. S. Price, Charles Ingersoll, Allen Hastings; Phineas Davis, Lester Seely, George Butterfield, C. V. Harrison, Harrison H. Tillapaugh, Mexico; A. G. Stowell, Charles Cable, A. M. Campbell, Orwell; Horace Ackley, Peter Finster, M. Avery; Jerome Russell, John R. Castler, C. S. Talcott, Parish; William Anderson, Richland; Edwin H. Smith, Henry Trumbull, Sandy Creek; Edgus Johnson, Isaac Burr, West Monroe; Jonas Caswell, John Lewis, Mexico Price, C. P. Windsor, David Dunn, Drin Claffin, Williamstown.

Mrs. C. H. Wilson.

(Better known as Mrs. M. W. Sanders) would announce to the Ladies of Mexico and vicinity that she will be in Mexico, and occupy rooms under Mayo Hall, on Church St., from Monday, May 14th, until Saturday, May 19th, with a splendid assortment of millinery and fancy goods. My ample ribbons and silks were purchased from houses that bought largely in last fall's panic; and flowers were bought direct from the manufacturers, and consequently I propose selling goods at low figures. Please call and examine my stock of goods before purchasing elsewhere, as it will be my pleasure, as heretofore, to show my goods to any and all who may be pleased to call.

P. S. Remember for one week only.

SMITH & BURLING—of East Palermo, are offering their stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockery, Boots and Shoes, &c., at the lowest prices.

To the Ladies.

Mrs. E. J. Spencer will open her store in Mexico, the 27th day of April. She has secured the service of a first-class milliner, who will be pleased to show the ladies of Mexico, and vicinity, the new and well selected stock of Millinery Goods, which Mrs. Spencer has purchased at very low prices. Please call and examine prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Attention!

Have you read Hoose & Cobb's advertisement of Crockery? Why go to Syracuse or Oswego, ye people of Parish, Hastings, and Palermo, when you can get warranted goods of us at as low or lower prices, and no chance of cheap goods or seconds.

Resolutions of Respect.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Trustees of the village of Clyde on the death of Mr. Aaron Gregory, brother of Mr. Benjamin Gregory, and formerly a resident of this town:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst, by death, Aaron Gregory, President of a former Board of Trustees of this village, and an honored member of the present Board,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Gregory, the surviving members of this Board have lost a valued, faithful and efficient colleague, and the village of Clyde has lost one of its most worthy and highly-esteemed citizens.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of our deceased friend in this their great affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Clyde Times, and entered in the Clerk's minutes as a part of the proceedings of this Board.

Resolved, That we do now adjourn until Wednesday evening, April 8th, at the usual hour and place.

C. T. SAXTON, Clerk.

A Word from Brainard, Minn.

We cheerfully publish the following from a letter from Royal King, formerly of this village, but now of Brainard, Minn. It shows what they are trying to do in that young city for the suppression of intemperance:

"We have just had a city election. There were two tickets in the field, a whisky and temperance ticket. I am sorry to say the whisky one came out 100 votes ahead, but not by any fair means was it done. We did all we could to beat them; even went so far as to post about 700 bills up in the principal streets after 12 o'clock Sunday night. The election was on Tuesday following, and now we are trying to get the people (more especially the young men) interested enough to start a reading room and gymnasium. We shall have a number of games, besides the reading matter, so as to make a kind of home for those who have no place to go to except a saloon, or to bed. We have several plans on foot, but have not decided on any one as yet, as we don't know how much money we can raise. If you know of any one that would like to give for such objects, please speak to him. Small sums thankfully received; large ones in proportion.

[We are glad to know that while the young men of Brainard are trying to shut up the saloons, they are also endeavoring to get up counter attractions; and if we in Mexico would suppress intemperance and keep our young men from the grog-shops, we must furnish them with sources of amusement and instruction in the way of reading rooms, &c.—ED. IND.]

CARPETS! CARPETS!

I shall open this morning new patterns of ENGLISH BOUDDIST, TAPESTRY BRUSSELS, TAPESTRY INGRAINS, OIL CLOTH MATS, RUGS, MATTING, ETC., ETC., Together with an endless variety of Ingrain Carpets, that I am selling at less than manufacturers' prices.

EXAMINE MY STOCK FOR BARGAINS. MILTON S. PRICE, 38 and 40 South Salina St., Syracuse.

List of Letters

Remaining in Mexico P. O., uncalled for April 22, 1874.
Jud Deyon; W. G. Everts; Miss Minnie G. Eddy; Louis Frebe; C. A. Gillett & Co.; A. H. Holmes; Mrs. Ella Harris; Delbert Symonds.
People calling for the above letters will say they are advertised, and give the date.

L. F. ALFRED, P. M.

Farm for Sale in the Town of Mexico.

About 150 acres of land is offered for sale, known as the A. D. Everts farm. It is a good dairy farm, well watered, and finely adapted to both grass and grain. Most of the purchase money can remain on mortgage for a long term of years if desired. For further information inquire on the premises, or at—

A. L. SAMPOSON.

BOOTS AND SHOES FOR SALE—by the undersigned, custom made, and at reasonable rates, at Whitney's Shoe Shop, opposite the brick school-house. He will also keep for sale, at Norton's Dry Goods Store, a few samples of the calf and kid Boots. Warranted to give satisfaction. Call and examine. F. N. WHITNEY, Mexico, Jan. 28, 1874.

Farm for Sale.

About 50 acres of good, improved land, within fifty rods of Union Square Depot, on the Syracuse Northern Railroad. The place has upon it a house, barn and outbuildings. The property is known as the "Pitcher Farm," and lately owned by Ariel Peckham, deceased. Also, 50 acres wild land in the town of Parish, near Union Square. Inquire for terms, &c., of—

C. A. CLARK, Executor.

Pulaski, March 11, 1874. 19-3v.

From the Auburn Advertiser.

WHAT A PRACTICAL MECHANIC SAYS OF THE NEW REMINGTON SEWING MACHINE. It is built on perfect mechanical principles, making the lock-stitch without the use of cog-wheels, rotary cams, or lever arms. It is the easiest and stillest running of all shuttle machines and sews all kinds of thread from 300 cotton to the coarsest linen. I was so well pleased with it and the material of which it was constructed, that I exchanged a Singer machine for one and am fully satisfied that I have in every respect a better machine. I advise any one wishing a machine to try it, as my long experience as a practical mechanic leads me to believe it the best sewing machine in the world.

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Attention Once More.

All manner of Glassware, Porcelain and Stone Crockery, at Hoose & Cobb They are making a specialty of Crockery this year.

Obituary.

Mrs. Almira H. Allen, wife of Mr. Chas. H. Allen, and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Halsey, died in Mexico, Oswego County, N. Y., March 16, 1874, aged twenty-three years, six months and twenty-two days.

The subject of this memoir was the pet of her father's family, and during her minority she made the acquaintance of and gathered a large circle of friends, with whom she spent many pleasant hours, and, judging from the great concourse of people that attended her funeral, and followed her remains to the grave, she was by them still regarded with much esteem. She was married to Mr. Allen, Dec. 4, 1867, and to him was a helpmeet indeed; cheering him in his lonely moments, and making his home pleasant and attractive. Her life was an even one, for the thriftness of her husband made her his victim, and when the period came the fatal blow was struck, the cords of life were severed, and her spirit took its flight from this earthly home to try the realities of the spirit world, where, poor never die. She left as near relatives, a father, mother, two brothers, and four little boys to mourn over their bereavement. Two of the youngest were twins, named Myron and Byron, and were but a few days old when they were left motherless. Myron has since died, and was placed in the same grave with his mother. May God bless the surviving friends that they may meet their loved ones in heaven.

G. I. PAINE.

Mexico, April 17th, 1874.

Grape Vines, Evergreens, Tomato Plants, &c.

I have a good stock of the leading varieties of grape vines, including the Mary Seedling, Worden Seedling, Martha, Euamlin, Creveling, Concord, Hartford, Delaware, &c., Evergreens, Currant Bushes, Mammoth Cluster Raspberries, Philadelphia, Franconia, and a good stock of Tomato, Pepper and Cabbage plants, all for sale cheap.

PETER SANDROV.

N. B.—Also a few apple and pear trees.

Mexico, April 20th, 1874. 28-3

She Wouldn't Sign.

In their rounds seeking signers to the temperance pledge, says the Syracuse Standard, the ladies came to the saloon of a woman on — street. The ladies pathetically pleaded with her to give up her nefarious business, but the only retort which they received was, "Have you no better business than goin' round interfeerin' wid other people's business?"

The ladies, nothing daunted, urged the more earnestly, and even promised to secure the woman enough washing to keep her alive.

"An' wud ye do washin' for a livin'?" That was a silencer on that tack, and there seemed to be no hopes for terms, when the woman, magnanimously made the following generous offer:

"If ye'll buy all me rum ye may do wid it as ye please, an' put me in a stock of groceries, I'll sign yer old plidge."

The terms were a little too exacting, and the ladies of the temperance union walked away without this woman's name and moral support.

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I have received large additions to my large stock of silks, among which is

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The Supreme Court of the United States has recently decided the suit of the Florence Sewing Machine Company against the Singer, Grover & Baker, and Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Companies, involving over \$260,000 in favor of the Florence Co.

J. S. Dawley gave us two ducks' eggs the other day, which weighed ten ounces.

Mexico is not void of its enjoyments, as may be seen by the number that find their way to the Independent office, in the shape of eggs, old hats, &c. Yet we think Ezra Morse a little ahead of everybody. He has in his possession an article that would do justice to Barum's museum; it is an old powder horn, bearing the following inscription:

AARON PHELPS,

HIS HORN,

FEBRUARY 15, 1749-50.

Making it one hundred and twenty-four years old. It is about one foot and a half long, and somewhat dirty from long neglect. It was made in years mentioned above by the grandfather of the Aaron Phelps, who left this town some years ago.

—The grist mill in Texas took fire Monday night, and was totally destroyed. Nothing was saved. Origin of the fire unknown. The loss about \$2,500. The mill (on which this thought there was no insurance) was owned by John Over-

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Substance of a Speech

In the Oswego County Temperance Convention, on the question of the "Limitations of Government in reference to Temperance," by Rev. E. Holmes.

MR. PRESIDENT—I am no lawyer, and do not make any pretensions to statesmanship; I shall try, however, in the discussion of this subject, to bring into use, so far as I may, a little common sense.

Being called upon suddenly, I have had about one hour in which to collect a few thoughts, to which I will try to give utterance, as a sort of framework of argument, or as the warp of the texture, and leave it with my colleague and others to put in the filling.

Civil government is designed for the protection of the people in the enjoyment of their conventional rights. Under a civil government the subjects surrender some of their natural rights for the general good; being compensated by the security enjoyed under theegis of civil law, especially when in the hands of upright men.

Constitutional governments are limited in their legislative and executive powers by constitutional restrictions. In a government like ours, its powers are limited by a fundamental law; one important object of which is, to protect the rights of minorities against the possible oppressions of the majorities.

There are some things, then, that the government may not do, and some things that it may do.

We will notice a few things that it may not do, either constitutionally or morally.

The government may not enact a law to benefit individuals to the prejudice of the public interests. The correctness of this position is based on that conceded democratic principle, viz: "The greatest good to the greatest number."

The government may not legalize well-defined crime. Crime is defined to consist in any act that violates law, either human or divine; that violates any rule of moral duty, an offence against the laws of morality, prescribed by God or man, or that is pernicious to community, physically, morally or socially; hence, if a government legalizes any such act, itself becomes criminal. That which is in itself morally wrong cannot be made right by legislation.

Our government has no right to create or support by a privileged class. A privileged class is a "class of persons enjoying certain advantages, privileges and immunities not common to others of the human race."

Especially may the government not create or support a privileged class in crime. This is self-evident; it needs no argument.

Now, apply the foregoing principles to the liquor license law. That law authorizes individuals to engage in a trade for their own pecuniary benefit, that is detrimental to community.

That law legalizes crime by authorizing a business that takes a man's money for that which is not only worthless, but positively hurtful; that robs him of his intellect, impairs his moral sense, undermines his physical health, and leads to the commission of every crime that is known in law.

The license law creates and supports a privileged class, in that it allows not more than one man licensed to enter and ply a vicious

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one class four hours in the morning and
another four hours in the afternoon and
still keep his attention class up to the
standard of attainment, is rather problem-
atical to say the least. The life of the day
is during the forenoon hours, and the
teacher, after spending his best energies
on his morning class, will come into the
schoolroom in the afternoon considerably
tired to teach an afternoon class that has
been "employed" in learning mechanical
trades and domestic details in the morn-
ing and hardly to be expected to be par-
ticularly attentive or lively. Properly to
impart instruction to the deaf and dumb
is no joke. It is a great study of the
constitution, and eight hours a day for
even a man is something extraordinary.

News-papers Entertainers.

"Sakes alive!" as the old woman said,
if here isn't another paper for the deaf
and dumb. "Kentucky Deaf-Mute" is
its name, and it is published at the In-
stitute for the Deaf, Danville, Ky. It is
a small sheet, just the size of the *Vote*
and *Then* that was published at the New
York Institute last spring. The type is
quite legible, but the two columns to a
page are in the same. Editorially it
says that it cannot hope to appear with
any regularity this term, but after
next fall hopes are entertained of ap-
pearing it once a month. A few cases of
type have been purchased, and also a
small press, and some of the pupils are
to be taught how to use them. We hope
those who are to learn to become com-
positors will take to their work with a
will, and soon exceed the highest ex-
pectations of their foreman.

With plenty of material, an energetic
foreman, and ready compositors, there is
no reason why a good deal of good should
not be done in the little office. It is a
great thing to teach the deaf to set type,
and for many of them it is the best trade
they can learn. We would that every
Institution in this land had a well-
equipped printing office, and we hope the
time will not be far distant when such
will be considered an indispensable auxil-
iary to every Institution.

The *New and True* is quite remarkable
in showing with what ease deaf
mutes of average intelligence can master
the elementary branches of the printing
art. Started as a weekly, with no one in
the office who knew how to set a type,
except the foreman, it came out regularly
and neatly, showing more skill with each
issue. The compositors took to their
work with a will, and in its short career
of fifteen consecutive weekly numbers,
all had opportunity to learn. And they
did learn in a marked degree and with
surprising rapidity—so much, indeed,
that the only one of them who graduated
last summer, is now earning a comfortable
living in the office of one of the
New York daily papers. The *New and True*
has issued a supplement almost regu-
larly, and sometimes it doubled its size
in its supplements. Had the press been
larger, it could in all probability have
tripled itself and still maintained its
weekly appearance. It was started with
a purpose and by private capital; it ac-
complished its purpose, and was a pecu-
niary success; yet it was little—a
wee one—and was altogether, many
thought, too small to such a place as
New York. Yet it showed what little
things could do, and prepared the way
for others and greater (though the open
and freedom path has not yet been found).

We wish the young Kentuckians every
success; we hope it will grow and flour-
ish, accomplishing a great deal of local,
and, by its example, national good.

Minor Topics.

There is a deaf-mute well-known as
one of the leading firm in the circle in
which he lives, who holds and has held
for many years a position under the
government. Pure and simple, the position
is not remarkable but there are occasions
when, of late, have not been infrequent
when he assumes a very important part,
and his signature, in the absence of the
two chiefs above him, is indispensable;
and if wanting, would produce a serious
clog in the government machinery. What
he does on such occasions is purely grati-
fying on his part, and is an instance of the
interest in the welfare of the employ-
ee evinced generally by deaf-mutes in like
positions.

It is said that the White Star Line of
Ocean Steamships employ on their vessels
deaf-mutes, to whom passengers with
ridiculous questions to ask are invariably
sent. But the company indignantly
denies the assertion.

The National Bureau of Education
reports that during the last year over
eleven million dollars have been donated
by private bequests to various schools,
academies and colleges throughout the
country. Of this large amount, only
\$4,000 or about one twenty-sixth hun-
dredth goes to places of deaf-mute educa-
tion.

A German dying in Vienna recently
left in his will bequests to deaf-mutes
and their friends, sums varying from \$500
to \$1000 each, and amounting in all to
\$5000. Barbaless! the will is contested
by the gentleman's niece.

The Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-
Mutes has, for several months past, been
in receipt of \$300 monthly from a modest
but inflexible source.

The High Class Boat Club's four-oared
gig, *Evangelina*, has been launched, and
looks exceedingly nice and trim in her
ruffled moorings on the Hudson. But
the weather is hardly inviting for any-
thing of a cruise.

Respecting the Convention of Ameri-
can Instructors for the Deaf, to be held
this year, the outlook is cheering. It
will be held July 15th, 1874, at Belle-
ville, Ontario, Canada, and an immense
attendance is probable.

Personal.

About two weeks ago Erasmus D. Dun-
can, a son of Mr. Nathan M. Duncan (a
deaf-mute of New York, now deceased),
was in Mexico, and of course made us a
short but very pleasant call. He is
agent for John Matthews, of New York,
manufacturer of soda water apparatus
and matters, and told us that since
the first of last February he had sold,
through his agency, \$130,000 worth of
goods in that line. We found him so
easy and familiar in the use of sign-
language and graceful in pantomime
that any deaf-mute seeming talking in
that way, would naturally suppose him
at once to be like himself, bereft of hear-
ing.

Early Home Education of Deaf-Mute Children.

By JOHN R. BURNET, M. A.

(No. 4.)

Permit me to correct some errors of
the printer in my last number.

In the seventh paragraph, the word
"sign" for *lay* is made as the usual eleva-
tion of the hand, not of the head.

In the twenty-fourth paragraph refer
to the motion of the sun, or of the hands of a
watch.

In the third paragraph of the second
column read: "The negative sign may be
somewhat variously made." That is,
not the sign for *may*, as, one might
think from the way it is italicized, but
the sign for *un* or *not*.

To return, Having given a brief sketch
of the language of signs, the next thing
in order is to show how a deaf-mute child
can be taught to use words. Reserving
to another number the mode of prac-
ticing them in lip reading, and in such
ability in speaking as they may be found
capable of, our present concern is with
the means of training them to use the
manual alphabet, and through that to
the ability to read and write.

Here we pause to answer the question
which many an anxious parent will ask:
which is the best mode of beginning the
education in words of a very small deaf-
mute child? The advocates of articula-
tion say: do not use either signs or the
manual alphabet. Speak to the child
continually, using only such gestures as
everybody can understand. Oblige it to
ask for whatever it wants by speaking.
In time it will learn to read at least often
repeated words and phrases on your lips,
and at last to make such imitations of
speech as those who are accustomed to
hear it, can understand.

To this we reply, that while such a
plan may in many cases answer well
with those children who have learned to
talk quite fluently before becoming deaf,
in the case of the deaf from birth or early
deafness, if, in most cases, result in
discouraging failures. For the greater
number of deaf-mute children, signs and
the manual alphabet will present the
surest, easiest and most pleasant means
of early mental development and moral
training.

There can be no question that the
manual alphabet, even when words are
spelled at length, is the most convenient
mode of using words possible to the deaf.
Its convenience would be greatly pro-
moted by using a syllabic alphabet, such,
for example, as the present writer de-
vised many years ago, but had then no
opportunity to use practically.

The manual alphabet can be used in
many circumstances in which writing
materials cannot be obtained, or cannot
be used. For instance, two persons
walking together converse with their fin-
gers, even when surrounded by friends
standing in a carriage can exchange great
lengths of news from a distance of
several yards. One person at an upper
window can give or receive information
or warning, the other party being in the
street below. One person in a boat can
communicate at a distance of several rods
with another on the shore. (The two-
handed alphabet is legible at a greater
distance than that made with one hand,
and our deaf-mutes have an alphabet
made by positions of the head and arms,
by which they can communicate as far as
the eye or a telescope can reach.)

We need hardly observe that reading
on the lips, which requires close atten-
tion, in a good light, at the distance of
only a yard or two would be quite use-
less in many important occasions, when
signs and the manual alphabet would
serve to gratify curiosity, relieve anxiety,
or give warning of danger. In the dark,
especially, when neither writing nor
reading on the lips would be of any use,
the manual alphabet could be used,
somewhat slowly, but with perfect cer-
tainty. (Continued practice will remedy
the slowness, as in the case of Laura
Bridgman, who converses as fast by hold-
ing the hand of her friend in hers as
other people can who see.)

A child can learn to spell with his fin-
gers at a much earlier age than it can
learn to manage a pen or pencil. We
have seen children three or four years
old spell few short words as distinctly
as any person could, the fact, it is about
as easy for a deaf-mute child to
learn to spell short words, which
are the names of familiar things, or
of familiar qualities or actions, as to
learn the corresponding signs, unless
these signs are very simple and natural.
I would therefore advise that when a
word is short and easily explained, no
trouble need be taken to devise a sign.
The word itself will do for a sign.

Thus beginning with such short words
as can be illustrated with cuts and by
objects present or in sight, as *cat*, *dog*,
cow, *on*, *hat*, *box*, *as*, *hoe*, *cup*, *book*; you
may plan to give the child a regular daily
lesson, the success of which, at the be-
ginning, will be promoted by having an
intelligent assistant. The daily lesson can
easily be so managed as to appear to the
child an attractive kind of play, especially
if, instead of, or with pictures, you have
little images of animals and other objects.

We will suppose that the child is able
to run about the room, and that you have
two or three familiar objects on a low ta-
ble or a chair within its reach. Spelling
distinctly on your fingers a short name,
box, *cup*, *on*, *cup*, for example, your
assistant, holding the child's hand, will
do this. This is done before the child, and
it is then encouraged to bring the object
itself. If it errs, correct it pleasantly and
patiently, and when it succeeds, reward
it with approving smiles and caresses.
Beginning with a few objects, gradually
increase the number till your list of short
words embraces all the letters of the al-
phabet. In a few weeks the child can
thus learn fifty names or more. When
the child will readily point out or bring
the objects whose names are spelled to
it vary the exercise by asking it to spell
the names when the objects or their pic-
tures are shown.

The next step may be by teaching
a few verbs in the imperative, as
bring, *give*, *strike*, *lift*. Your assistant
and yourself by turns direct each other
to bring—book—strike—cat—lift—
chair; leaving at first a pause between
the verb and its object, to be supplied
later by the correct articles, *a*, *an* or *the*.

From names of objects you pass to
names of qualities, as a black book, a
yellow book, a red book, a green book,
a white book, illustrated by a collection of
books of different colors.

Numbers can easily be taught, but
with numbers we must teach the plural
form of the noun.

After the plural form has been taught,
we teach the indefinite words *some* and
many.

There is a difference of opinion as to the best way of introducing verbs.

The late Dr. Peet began with the *actual*
present, because that form is most per-
fectly illustrated by pictures, or by liv-
ing examples, as *Mary is standing*;
John is sitting; the dog *is running*, &c.
Others would begin with the imperative,
as *Mary—stand*; *John—walk*, &c. Both
forms, however, are equally important,
and both should be early introduced.

From intransitive verbs we pass to
transitive—*John is eating an apple*. The
dog *is biting a pig*, &c.

Later we introduce prepositions. *John*
is sitting on a fence. *Mary is standing*
on the table. *Henry is sitting under*
the table.

The difference between the actual and
habitual present should be early taught,
by coupling the former with *now* and the
latter with *sometimes* or *often*. The mean-
ing of these words can be conveyed by a
repetition of well chosen examples. The
signs we use are tolerably significant, but
require to be explained by usage in ap-
propriate circumstances. For *now*, we
present the hands, palms upwards, with
emphasis on each side of the person.
For *sometimes*, we stretch the palm of the
left hand over on three times with the
finger. For *often*, we strike the tips of
the fingers of the right hand repeatedly
and rather quickly on the left palm.
Before advancing so far the pupil should
have learned to write, at least with a
pencil. Write before its eyes a series of
simple sentences, such as the following:

Mary writes often.

John is writing now.

Then introduce the word *not*.

Mary dances often. Mary is not dan-
cing now.

The limits of a newspaper article will
not permit me to give fuller details of
the course. Parents should procure a
copy of the *Elementary Lessons for the*
Deaf and Dumb, by the late Harvey P.
Peet, LL.D., a work which has been
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stitutions. Copies can be obtained by
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